

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. **Project title:** Bradley Virtual Operations Trainers (BVOT)

2. **Organization name and address** (the recipient of the funds):
Oregon National Guard
1776 Militia Way
Salem, OR 97309

3. **Contact information**
 - a. **Project's primary contact:** Brigadier General Mike Caldwell
 - b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** (503)584-3985
 - c. **Email Address:** mike.caldwell@mil.state.or.us
 - d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address): Various

4. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.**
The OR National Guard is vital to national defense and homeland security.

5. **Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?**
Public

6. **From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?**
OPA3 Line 177 - Training Devices, Nonsystem

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

FY11 funding for the Bradley Virtual Operations Trainer (BVOT) is the Army National Guard's # 1 priority for Bradley Vehicle Crew Training. BVOT Trainers will replace 123 obsolete Bradley Vehicle Crew Trainers that were fielded across the Army National Guard during the past two decades. The introduction of Bradley Virtual Operations Trainers (BVOT) will allow our soldiers to conduct required training on their newly fielded M2A2 Bradley ODS SA vehicles. In addition to providing training on the new Bradley vehicle, these BVOT trainers will include the latest gunnery training tasks and gunnery exercises that are required for Bradley Fighting Vehicle crews to become proficient and combat ready. Without funding for BVOT trainers, our Bradley Fighting Vehicle Crews will have no crew training simulation systems for their newly fielded M2A2 Bradley ODS SA vehicles.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

National Guard units across the country have received or will receive improved M2A2 Bradley ODS SA fighting vehicles. These units currently have NO gunnery training devices for these improved Bradley fighting vehicles. Therefore, unless the requested funds are added to the FY11 Defense Budget, Army National Guard Abrams Bradley crews will have NO means to train and prepare for "live" gunnery and for combat. Combat Readiness of these units will suffer greatly.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Congressional Funding History: NA

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$1.5 Million

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

\$1.5 Million is needed for the procurement of Bradley Virtual Operations Trainers (BVOT) for the Oregon National Guard.

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$1.5 Million

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)? Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

None

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

None

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